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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED PROGRAM PROPOSED BY YUGOSLAVS WITH SPEAKER'S OFFICE. WHILE GRATEFUL FOR YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO COUNTRY, SPEAKER WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GOOD NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD BY FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GLIGOROV. EMBASSY SHOULD, THEREFORE, PROPOSE THAT PROGRAM BE WORKED OUT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THIS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH: SUGGESTIONS IN REFERENCE C LOOK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH: SUGGEST GROUP DUTCH TREAT
- LUNCHEON AT HOTEL, FOLLOWED BY
- EMBASSY BRIEFS BEFORE REST OF
- PROGRAM. VISIT AGRICULTURAL

- SPEAKER WISHES TO KEEP CODEL
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- TOGETHER DURING OFFICIAL
- ACTIVITIES, THE OTHER TWO

- DECLINED. REST OF DAY LOOKS

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- FINE, INCLUDING VINOGRAD RES-
- TAURANT FOR LUNCH. SPEAKER
- WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF
- AMBASSADOR COULD HOST EITHER
- RECEPTION OR DINNER FOR CODEL
- AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS WEDNESDAY
- EVENING.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST: SKOPJE WILL HAVE TO BE DROPPED.
- THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD REASONS
- FOR THIS, ONE BEING THE FACT
- THAT CODEL AIRCRAFT (V.C. 137,
- I.E. MILITARY VERSION OF 707)
- CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT SKOPJE
- AIRPORT, ACCORDING TO AIR FORCE.
- YOU MIGHT CITE THIS TO YUGOSLAVS
- AS REASON FOR DECLINING VISIT.

- WE WOULD SUGGEST INSTEAD ANOTHER
- HALF DAY IN BELGRADE, PERHAPS
- WITH A FACTORY VISIT WHERE CODEL
- MIGHT GET SOME EXPOSURE TO YUGO-
- SLAV SYSTEM OF WORKER SELF-
- MANAGEMENT. CODEL COULD THEN
- FLY DIRECTLY TO DUBROVNIK
- THURSDAY AFTERNOON OR FRIDAY
- MORNING.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD,
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH: IN DUBROVNIK. ON ONE OF THESE
- DAYS, HOWEVER, CODEL MIGHT MAKE
- A FULL-DAY MOTORCADE TRIP
- TO TITOGRAD OR CETINJE, TO OB-
- SERVE DEVELOPING REGION AND
- MONTENEGRIN TERRAIN.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH: TO PULA AND BRIONI, AS SUGGESTED
- BY YUGOSLAVS, EXCEPT CODEL WOULD
- PREFER TO RETURN TO DUBROVNIK
- AND LEAVE FROM THERE TUESDAY
- MORNING, THE 26TH. IF THE YUGO-
- SLAVS PRESS FOR AN OVERNIGHT
- STAY IN LJUBLJANA, AND IF THE
- EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE
- HIGHLY DESIRABLE, YOU MAY AGREE
- TO YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED
- IN REF C.

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2. CODEL WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT OSOLNIK AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEAD JAVORSKI AND WIVES ACCOMPANY THROUGHOUT VISIT. THERE MAY BE SPACE PROBLEM ON AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER, SO PLEASE DO NOT COMMIT MORE THAN 10-12 SEATS (INCLUDING AMEMBASSY PERSONNEL) UNTIL WE HAVE CLEARER FIX ON EXACT NUMBER IN CODEL PARTY.

3. SPEAKER IS PREPARED TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRIONI OR, IF CODEL GOES TO LJUBLJANA, THERE (WITH A HONE HOUR DELAY, IF NECESSARY). ALTERNATIVELY, HE COULD MEET WITH PRESS IN BELGRADE OR DUBROVNIK.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF FINANCING, WE HOPE EMBASSY CAN AVOID ANY HAGGLING OVER ROLE AND OBLIGATIONS OF HOSTS. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, U.S. CONGRESS IS NOT ORGANIZED TO SERVE AS HOST FOR VISIT OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. USUAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR INDIVIDUAL LEADERS OF CONGRESS TO GREET BRIEFLY INDIVIDUAL VISITING PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OTHER FOREIGN LEADERS, AND ONLY RARELY HAS CONGRESSIONAL HOSPITALITY GONE BEYOND THIS. WHILE CODEL APPRECIATES OFFER OF YUGOSLAVS, IT DOES NOT WISH TO INCUR OBLIGATIONS WHICH IT CANNOT RECIPROCATE. IN ADDITION, SPEAKER'S OFFICE TELLS US THERE ARE LEGAL BARRIERS TO ACCEPTANCE OF HOSPITALITY AND GIFTS OF MORE THAN NOMINAL VALUE. WE WOULD HOPE EMBASSY COULD MAKE THESE POINTS IN A DIPLOMATIC WAY WITH YUGOSLAVS.

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5. NO FINAL WORD YET ON COMPOSITION OF CODEL, BUT WE WILL GET THIS TO YOU AS SOON AS WE KNOW, ALONG WITH NUMBER OF WIVES, STAFF AND ESCORTS. CODEL WILL HAVE PHYSICIAN AS PART OF ACCOMPANYING STAFF. BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW OF MEMBERS OF CODEL SO FAR, NO SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS ARE FORESEEN.

6. BY SEPTEL WE ARE SENDING YOU MORE PRECISE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES, CONTROL ROOM REQUIREMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. VISAS FOR CODEL, STAFF AND CREW ARE BEING ARRANGED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON. INGERSOLL

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